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FOR: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING TISSUE SAMPLES		
TO: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action of January 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On Page 11 in the penultimate line of the third full paragraph delete "dehydrate" and substitute --dihydrate--therefor.

On Page 4 at the end of the first sentence of the first full paragraph add the followings:

-- In another embodiment the composition preferably includes an aqueous solution of SIMPLE GREEN. Simple Green has been described in U.S. Patent No. 5,856,289 as: by weight about 5.8% ethylene glycol monobutyl ether, about 3.75% nonylphenol ethoxyate, about 1.5% tetrapotassium pyrophosphate and about 88.95% water. SIMPLE GREEN is a non-toxic, biodegradable, environmentally safe detergent concentrate which may provide a mixture of emulsifiers. The composition may include a buffering agent. The pH of the solution is preferably adjusted to lie between 5 and 10 by addition of an acid or a base. The composition preferably substantially simultaneously: (i) removes the embedding medium from the tissue; (ii) improves immunohistochemical staining of the tissue in comparison to tissue that has not been contacted with the composition; (iii) substantially hydrates the tissue.--

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